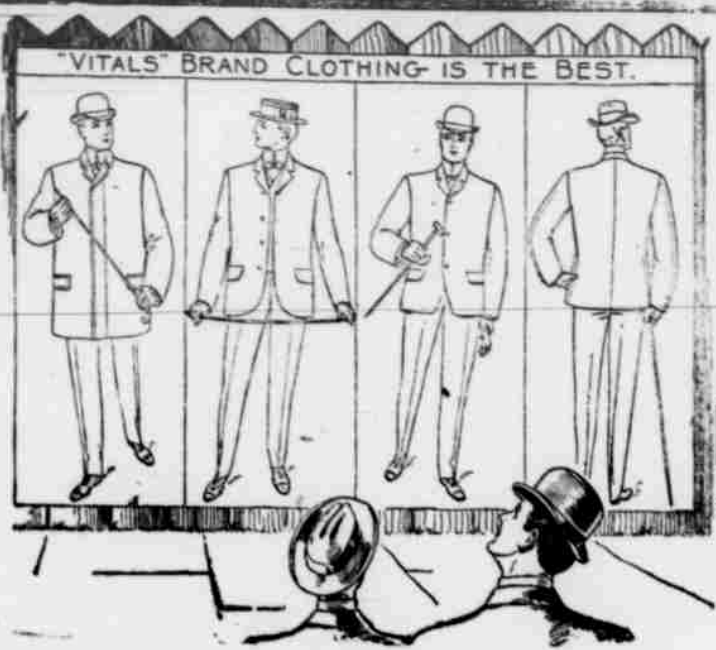


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TIMES' Telephone No. 37.

N. M. Brown, of Butler, favors us with a renewal.

We welcome Mrs. M. E. Moore, of Walnut township, as a citizen of our city.

The time to select Christmas gifts is right now. Make your selections and have them laid away.

Our young friend Allie Crigler, of Nyhart, has his dates set ahead and his paper changed to Butler R. F. delivery.

J. A. Burton, twin brother of Mrs. Broadus, attended his funeral. He lives on the old home place in Randolph county.

O. H. Frazee, formerly a well-known citizen of this county, orders THE TIMES to his address at Baxter Springs, Kan.

Jackson Wright, another of the substantial and influential farmers of this section, compliments us pleasantly and has his dates set ahead.

Revival meetings at the Ohio street M. E. Church conducted by Evangelist L. R. Thomas, of St. Louis. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

The heating apparatus for the new court house arrived Saturday, and the big boiler is being placed in the basement room prepared for its reception.

Mrs. R. M. Fleisher, of Madison, Kansas, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis, for the past three weeks, returned home Monday.

Sheriff Smith has been spending the greater part of his time at Rich Hill the past few days counseling the miners to keep themselves within the pale of the law.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arnold received a telegram from their son-in-law, George Logan, of Cairo, Ill., announcing the birth of a little daughter at their home, Sunday.

J. D. Hensley called Monday and renewed for Charles Haines' paper, at Raymore. Mr. Hensley and Leslie Phillips were up to see Mr. Haines and his estimable family and reports them all in good health and prospering.

Ol. Mullis, an old settler and highly respected citizen of Worland, was in the city on Wednesday, favored us pleasantly and had his name enrolled for THE TIMES.

Our young friend Harry H. Potter, son of Thos Potter, formerly of Butler, now of Ft. Madison, Iowa, orders THE TIMES to his address for the ensuing year.

Miss Sadie Eldridge, daughter of the late F. M. Eldridge, one of our best known and most worthy citizens, orders THE TIMES to her address at Nevada.

Our gentlemanly and popular young friend E. A. Hardin, living southeast of Butler, favored us pleasantly and had his dates set ahead. He is one of the promising young men of the county.

W. V. Hyde, of Baldwin, Kan., has moved his family to Butler and has bought out Dr. McAninch's interest in the feed stable, north of Mo. State Bank, where he will run a feed and livery barn.

Our highly appreciated friend Frank M. Oldaker observes his custom of many years by having his dates set ahead. He is a number one workman and a mighty good fellow, sober, honest and industrious.

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W. A. Vest, a substantial farmer of Spruce township, was in to see us on Tuesday and had his dates set ahead. He is a distant relative of Senator Vest, an old-time southern gentleman, warm-hearted and impulsive, clever and sociable.

Miss Pet Broadus was visiting in Omaha, Nebraska, and Clay was attending school at Galesburg, Ill., were summoned by telegraph, the latter reaching here Sunday, the former not until Monday noon.

H. Schlichman sends us remittance for subscription from Appleton City, encourages us by saying he can not do without THE TIMES, for which he will accept our thanks. Like most people we appreciate kind words and acts.

Miss Nellie Austin, one of Butler's handsomest and brightest young ladies (daughter of our newspaper friend, O. D. Austin), is in the city, taking down a short hand report of arbitration's proceedings.—R. H. Review, 9th.

Squire J. W. Darby, of Foster, was over the last of the week, complimented us pleasantly and had his dates set ahead. The squire is an old, prominent and influential citizen of that township and one of THE TIMES' best friends.

H. C. Wyatt & Son are making arrangements to move their lumber yard back to their old yard on Ohio street. The old sheds are being torn down and new ones will be built and the yard is to be the best equipped in this section of the state.

W. J. Atchison, of eastern Bates, in company with his brother, Ex-Circuit Clerk Stewart Atchison, made us a pleasant call and had his subscription dates set. No citizens in the county stands higher than the Atchison boys whom everybody respect.

The following Rich Hill citizens, friends of the family, attended the funeral of Mrs. Broadus: Mesdames W. C. Brown, T. D. Sanderson, W. W. Ferguson, C. A. Clark, H. S. Stryker; Misses Leona Oliver and Kate Klumph; Messrs. E. R. Williamson and H. S. Stryker.

Judge Graves adjourned circuit court Monday evening and left for Warsaw, where he opened court Tuesday morning. He has several important cases on the docket of Benton county, among which is a murder case and he expects to be absent between two and three weeks.

John Perry, the Kansas City coal baron, whose wife and children were drowned when the ill-fated steamer Burgoyne sunk in mid-ocean several years ago, was married to an English lady over a year ago, though the marriage has only just now been formally announced.—Nevada Post.

N. M. Gregory, a citizen of Elkhart, and an old and valued subscriber of THE TIMES, favored us pleasantly, had his dates set ahead and paper changed to a Butler Free Delivery route.

Mr. and Mrs. DeArmond, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Clark have issued cards for a reception at the former's elegant home to-night to meet Mr. and Mrs. James A. DeArmond and Lieut. and Mrs. Edward H. DeArmond.

M. M. Carroll, one of the strong men of Lone Oak township places us under renewed obligations. He is a practical farmer and now has old corn enough on hand to run him through until another crop is raised. He is feeding 40 head of hogs besides a large amount of other stock.

Big hearted Henry Wyse, than whom no better friend to newspapers lives in the county, was a pleasant caller and had his subscription set ahead. Mr. Wyse takes more newspapers than any man we know of and always keeps them paid in advance. He is one of Bates county's largest and wealthiest farmers and influential citizens.

Shirley Childs received rough treatment at the hands of three striking miners on whom he was trying to serve a process. He was acting deputy sheriff and had been delegated to arrest those parties. One struck him with metal knucks in the face while another cut him in the back of the head. His injuries were serious and for a time looked as if they might be fatal.

Our old friend C. W. Smading, of Walnut township, made us a pleasant call on Wednesday. He was assisting in moving Mrs. M. E. Moore to Butler. He informed us that the following farmers had lost horses by death in his neighborhood recently: I. N. Causey, one; Lingenfelter, two; Jim Holland, one; and John Boatright, one. The following parties sold their farms: Frank Kennett, Wash Green, G. Hereford, Bur. Hereford and John Davis.

Wallace Lewis and son Claud, of West Point township, favored us with a pleasant call. Claud served Uncle Sam in the Philippines for 18 months. He was in Lieut. Wade's command. He isn't much stuck on that country or its natives, but when it comes to Japan, why he has unbounded admiration for those little dark skinned beauties. In fact it would not surprise us if Claud didn't return to get him a "Light of Asia."

Judge DeArmond returned home unexpectedly on Sunday evening. He will recuperate for a few days and go to Washington the last of this week. The people of his home county are rejoiced at his safe return, and bid him welcome. It was the intention of the citizens of Butler to give him a handsome reception but the unavoidable delays have disarranged those plans and it will probably be postponed until the holidays.

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Ex-circuit clerk Stewart Atchison was in to see us Friday and from him we learned that he had sold his fine farm, containing 240 acres, in Summit township, to Judge Booker Powell and son, B. P. Powell. The price paid was \$9,000 cash. This land is located about 6 or 7 miles due east of Butler and is better known as the Peter Kaune farm. The farm has fine improvements and was certainly a bargain at that price. B. P. Powell will take possession of it and make it his home. Mr. Atchison talks of going to Oklahoma.

The 2nd annual exhibition of the Poultry and Pet Stock Association bids fair to eclipse all former efforts of this kind in southwest Missouri. The president and secretary have received a large number of requests for catalogues and other information and many promises of exhibits from other counties. The Border Telephone, in commenting upon the coming exhibition, says: "All citizens of the county who can should encourage these meetings by attending. They are profitable in many ways and will bear good fruit in future years." Purchase season tickets now on sale. Subscribers will be furnished with tickets.

Useful Holiday Gifts

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All wool waistings 35 and 25c a yard.
Silk waistings \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 50c a yard.
Black silks for dresses \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 a yard.
Black dress goods \$1.50, \$1.45, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c a yard.
Colored dress goods \$1.50, \$1.35, \$1.25, \$1.00, 90c, 75c, 65c, 50c, 39c, 25c, 15c.
Velvets for waists and jackets \$1.50, \$1.25, 76c, 50c.
Fur scarfs \$18.00, \$15.00 down to 75c.
Cloaks and capes \$15.00 down to \$1.00.
Walking skirts \$7.50 to \$2.98.
Dress skirts \$5.00 to 98c.
Black underskirts \$5.00, \$4.50, \$3.50, 3.00, 2.70, 2.00 \$1.50, \$1.00.
Table linens \$1.00, 75c, 65c, 58c, 50c, 45c, 40c, 35c, 25c yd.
Towels 85c, 75c, 58c, 50c, 40c, 38c, 25c, 20c, 10c a pair.
Napkins \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.75, \$2.50, \$2.00, 1.75, 1.50, 1.00, 98c a dozen.
Crashes 15c, 12½c, 11½c, 10c, 8½c, 7½c, 5c a yard.
Quilts \$2.98, \$2.50, \$2.25, \$1.98, 1.50, 1.48, 1.18, 98c, 89c.
Blankets \$7.00, \$6.00, 5.00, 4.50, 4.00, 3.50 down to 48c a pair.
Topsy hosiery, wool, fleeced lined hile 50c, 35c, 25c, 15c, a pair.
Golf gloves 50c, 40c, 25c a pair.
Kid gloves \$1.50, \$1.00 (new fresh stock).
Mitten kid and fabric \$1.50, 1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c, 15c, 20c, 15c, 10c.
Lace neckwear \$1.50, 1.25, 1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c.
Leather goods, chatelaines, purses, belts.
New satin taffeta, and velvet ribbons.
Thomson's glove fitting corsets \$1.00 and 48c.
Handkerchiefs \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c, 20c, 15c, 12½c, 10c, 9c, 7c, 5c, 4c, 3c, 2c, 1c. Largest line in the county.
Men's fine shoes \$3.50, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00.
Women's fine shoes \$3.50, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00, 1.50.
Men's and women's slippers.
Women's felt shoes.
Children's fine shoes.
Children's school shoes.
Finest line of felts and overshoes.
Men's fine shirts \$1.00, 75c, 50c.
Men's gloves \$1.50, 1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.
Boys' gloves \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.
Mittens \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.
Topsy socks 25c, 15c, 10c, fleeced, wool and cotton.
Neckwear 50c, 25c.
Suspenders 75c, 65c, 50c, 35c, 25c, 15c, 10c, 5c.
Men's pants \$3.00, 2.00, 1.50, 1.00.
Men's hats \$4.00, 2.50, 2.00, 1.50, 1.00, 75c.
Trunks and valises.
Carpets, room size rugs, art squares, special axminster rugs \$1.95 and 3.48.
Lace curtains \$7.00, 6.00, 5.00, 4.50, 4.00, 3.50, 3.00, 2.50, 2.00, 1.75, 1.50, 1.00 to 50c a pair.
Portiers \$7.00 down to 2.50 a pair.
Mattings 35c, 30c, 25c, 20c a yard.
Oil cloths and linoleums.

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The motion for a new trial in the Dr. Gartrell case will be passed upon by Judge Graves Friday, December 20th. Should the motion be overruled the court will at that time pass sentence upon the old man and fix the date of execution. If the motion for a new trial is overruled, it is understood the case will be appealed to the supreme court.

The miners' strike at Rich Hill has been declared off and most of the men have gone back to work. This is good news to every one. Governor Dockery made a special trip to Rich Hill last of the week to bring about this result, and he is no doubt highly gratified at its termination. Sheriff Smith stayed on the ground constantly, and to his excellent judgment and dignified, conservative course is due largely the absence of destructive rioting which so often happens on occasions of this kind. While he enforced every process of law that was placed in his hands, he treated all parties considerately and held the situation firmly in hand. The final results were reached through the state arbitration board which met there on Monday.

Mrs. Showalter, wife of Levi Showalter, departed this life Monday morning. She had been a great sufferer for several months with something like cancer of the face. The funeral took place at the family residence at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning conducted by Rev. McGee, pastor of the C. P. church. The deceased was a most estimable lady, a true christian, a devoted wife and mother and leaves a large circle of friends who deeply regret her demise and extend sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

Wm. Rogers and R. C. Hatcher, coal miners of Rich Hill, were locked in jail Monday morning. The former is charged with assaulting Pate Harney, a deputy sheriff, and the latter with assaulting Sheriff Smith, during the riot at Rich Hill Wednesday evening of last week. Sheriff Smith was struck on the head with a sling shot or rock and painfully injured while assisting to liberate one of his deputies whom a crowd of miners had down and were beating in a shameful manner. Sheriff Smith was unarmed at the time and with the odds against him had but a poor show in defending himself.